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Admiral -

Here is full text of

Jody Powell's answer on  
shakeup at CIA (revolving  
about Knoche's resignation) -

They used only a portion of  
the answer in the news  
stories —

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and our desire not to take action during reorganization to decrease that level, and it is our desire without regard to reorganization to increase it.

Q We have time for one more. (Laughter)

Q Bert Lance said this morning the President would be sending that EOP plan up to the Hill on Friday. When will we get it, and will there be any briefings on it?

MR. POWELL: Yes, we will provide a briefing for you probably on Friday, hopefully Friday morning.

It is my hope to be able to provide some of the people involved in the study to help answer your questions.

Q Jody, reports are circulating of a shakeup at the CIA. Does the President know about the reports? Did he know about the shakeup before it started?

MR. POWELL: My understanding from the CIA is those reports are somewhat exaggerated. I would refer you to them. I think they have a statement of that over there in dealing with the thing.

Q If I could go back to Lance for a second --

MR. POWELL: Let me answer this question,

Q On that abortion question, you said he said the same thing in two years of campaigning. But since his statement yesterday followed the recent Supreme Court decision that raised the question of the economic inequities and that question was not raised during the campaign, can you still say what he said yesterday was substantially the same?

MR. POWELL: Certainly the question of economic inequity was raised during the campaign. It is, and always has been, a very powerful argument against the position that the President has taken and he recognizes it. He said on several occasions in the campaign, as he referred to yesterday about the component of the strong moral feelings held by substantial numbers of Americans and how that played into what the appropriate position of the Government might be; and that even as he did not feel it was appropriate for the Government to act to impose the views of those who thought no abortion should be allowed on those that differed, he didn't think it was appropriate for the Government to act through their tax dollars, finance it. It is a very